GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION WORK ON BRAHAMPUTRA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil India Ltd. has initiated exploration work in Northern border of Brahamputra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c)the approximate expenditure incurred so far; and

(d) the results achieved so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): Oil India Limited (OIL) started exploratory drilling in June,1997 in area of its operation in the North Bank of river Brahmaputra and have drilled four exploratory wells in the districts of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji. The exploratory drilling at Location Simen Chapori in the district of Dhemaji is in progress. The amount spent by OIL on exploration activities till September,2000 is Rs. 137.20 crores.So far no commercial discovery of hydrocarbon has been made by OIL from these wells.